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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT FOR OMAN

REFS: A) MUSCAT 0981; B) MUSCAT 0990; C) JIDDA 5251

1. BOTH CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ARE
PREPARED TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY SURVEY OF SMALL DAMS OR
CATCHMENT STRUCTURES IN OMAN.

2. COE HAS PROVIDED COST ESTIMATES FOR EXPLORATORY TRIP
TO OMAN. TEXT OF COE LETTER (BEING POUCHEO TO POST)
FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

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4 AUGUST 1978
SUBJECT: PROPOSED WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT FOR OMAN

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
ATTN: MR. MICHAEL L. DI LEGGE, PDC/RDP, WASHINGTON, D.C.
20523

REFERENCES: A. TELEGRAM, MUSCAT 0981, 160329Z JULY 78.
B. YOUR NOTE (FORM JF 29) REQUESTING EXPLORATORY TRIP BY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO OMAN, DATED 24 JULY 1978.

THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT A SCOPE OF WORK INVESTIGATION FOR THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING SMALL DAMS AND CATCHMENT BASINS IN OMAN.

ASSUMING THAT ALL SITES ARE IN THE VICINITY OF MUSCAT AND ARE ACCESSIBLE BY VEHICLE WE ESTIMATE A THREE WEEK VISIT BY A FIVE-MAN TEAM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE IN-COUNTRY INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY 15 MAN-WEEKS AT HOME STATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR TRIP PREPARATION, DATA REDUCTION, AND REPORT PREPARATION. OUR ESTIMATED COSTS WOULD BE LABOR DOLS 34,000 (SALARY AND PER DIEM), TRAVEL DOLS 23,000 (INTO AND WITHIN OMAN), MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATION DOLS 1400, AND 20 PERCENT CONTINGENCY DOLS 11,600. TOTAL, BASED ON ASSUMPTION, IS DOLS 70,000. SHOULD AERIAL SURVEY BE REQUIRED, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS' AIRCRAFT IN SAUDI ARABIA COULD BE UTILIZED. AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 15,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR 26 HOURS FLYING TIME. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS AN ESTIMATE ONLY. ALL WORK PERFORMED BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND OMAN WILL ONLY BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY ACTUAL CORPS COSTS.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN PLANNING THE SCOPE OF WORK INVESTIGATION:

--LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PROPOSED SITE AREAS.

--PAST CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA OF PROPOSED SITE AREAS.

--GEOLOGIC DATA OF PROPOSED SITE AREAS.

--CURRENT MAPS OF PROPOSED SITE AREAS.

THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS COULD UNDERTAKE THIS INITIAL 30 MAN-WEEK INVESTIGATION WITHIN CURRENT PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS. FUNDING AUTHORITY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN AND AUTHORITY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED. ADDITIONAL MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS (TO BE DETERMINED) WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RECOMMENDED STRUCTURES.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS: WILEY W. WALKER, COLONEL,
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MILITARY
CONSTRUCTION. END TEXT. END QUOTE.

3. INFORMALLY, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ESTIMATES COST OF DOLS 20,000 FOR INITIAL APPRAISAL.

4. GIVEN COMPLEX OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS INVOLVED IN THEIR THINKING, WE HAVE LITTLE ADVICE TO OFFER OMANIS AS TO WHETHER BUREC OR COE SHOULD DO JOB. OMANGOV MAY WISH TO INVOLVE AMBASSADOR AL-HINAI IN DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH BUREC AND COE TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS IN MORE DETAIL. (DESK CAN PUT HIM IN CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES.) IN ANY CASE, USG CANNOT FUND SURVEY. FURTHERMORE, WE CONCUR WITH REF C: IF OMANIS DESIRE SAUDI FINANCING, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEEKING IT RESTS WITH THEM. VANCE
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